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Fumigant Management Plan Template for Methyl Bromide (for Applications in 2010)

FUMIGANT MANAGEMENT PLAN TEMPLATE (for Applications in 2010)**Certified Applicator Supervising the Fumigation**

Name and phone number:	License number and/or certificate number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial applicator <input type="checkbox"/> Private applicator
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Employer name and address:

General Site Information

Application block location (e.g., county, township-range-section quadrant) address, or global positioning system (GPS) coordinates:

Name, address, and phone number of owner/operator of application block:

General Application Information

Target application date/window:	Brand name of fumigant:	EPA Registration Number:
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Tarps (check here if section is not applicable ☐)

Brand name:	Lot #:	Thickness:
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Name and phone number of contact person responsible for repairing tarps:
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Schedule for checking tarps for damage, tears, and other problems:
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Maximum time following notification of damage that the person(s) responsible for tarp repair will respond:
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Minimum time following application that tarp will be repaired:	Minimum size of damage that will be repaired:
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Other factors used to determine when tarp repair will be conducted:

Name and phone number of contact person responsible for cutting and/or removing tarps (if other than certified applicator):	Equipment/methods used to cut tarps:
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Schedule and target dates for cutting tarps:	Schedule and target dates for removing tarps:
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Soil Conditions

Description of soil texture and moisture in application block:	Description of method used to determine soil moisture level:
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Weather Conditions

Summary of the weather forecast for the day of the application and the 48-hour period following the fumigant application including predicted wind speed, inversion conditions, and air-stagnation advisories (Note: may attach a copy of printed forecast to FMP):
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Personal Protective Equipment for Handlers

Handler Task	Clothing	Respirator Type, Filter Cartridge Type and Change-out Schedule	Eye Protection	Gloves	Other

Emergency Response Plan

Description of evacuation routes:

Locations of telephones:

Contact information for first responders:

Local/state/federal contacts:

Other contact information for emergencies:

Emergency procedures/responsibilities in case of an incident, equipment/tarp/seal failure, complaints, or other emergencies).

Posting Signs – Treated Area

Name of person that is doing posting:

Location of posting signs:

Procedures for posting and sign removal:

Communication Between Applicator, Land Owner/Operator, and Other On-site Handlers

Plan for communicating to the land owner/operator and all on-site handlers (e.g., tarp cutters/removers, irrigators) requirements to comply with label including timing of tarp cutting/removal and PPE:

Names and phone numbers of persons contacted:

Date contacted:

Comments/notes:

Handler Information

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If sensory irritation is experienced: ☐ **Intend to cease operations** ☐ **Intend to continue operations with respiratory protection**
If intend to continue operations with respiratory protection, complete section for Handlers with Respiratory Protection below.

Monitoring equipment:

Timing

Timing

Methyl Bromide FMP Check List

Supervision of Handlers	
An on site certified applicator will directly supervise the handlers participating in the application starting when the fumigant is first introduced into the soil and ending after the fumigant has stopped being delivered/dispensed to the soil and the soil is sealed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
After the application is complete, and before leaving the application block, the certified applicator has provided the owner/operator and handlers with written information necessary to comply with the label and procedures outlined in the FMP.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fumigant safe handling information has been provided to each handler involved in the application or confirm that each handler participating in the application has received fumigant safe handling information in the past 12 months.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For all fumigation handling tasks, at least 2 WPS-trained handlers must be present.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weather Conditions	
Wind speed at the application site is a minimum of 2 mph at the start of the application or forecasted to reach at least 5 mph during the application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
A shallow, compressed (low-level) temperature inversion is not forecast to persist for more than 18 consecutive hours during the 48-hour period after the application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
An air-stagnation advisory is not in effect for the area where the application site is located.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If air temperatures have been above 100 degrees F in any of the 3 days prior to application, then soil temperature will be measured and recorded in the post application summary report.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil Conditions	
The soil has been properly prepared and the surface has been checked to ensure that it is free of clods that are golf ball size or larger.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The area to be fumigated has been tilled to a depth of 5 to 8 inches.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field trash has been properly managed (e.g., residue from a previous crop has been worked into the soil to allow for decomposition prior to fumigation, little or no crop residue is present on the soil surface, and crop residue that is present does not interfere with the soil seal).	<input type="checkbox"/>
The soil temperature at the depth of injection \leq 90 degrees F at the beginning of the application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The soil moisture at 9 inches below the surface is sufficient (field capacity is 50 to 80 percent).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash pulled by the shanks to the ends of the field will be covered with tarp or soil before making the turn for the next pass.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shank Applications (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)	
For tarped-broadcast and -bedded applications, injection points will be at least 8 inches from the nearest final soil/air interface.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For tarped-bedded applications, the injection depth will not be deeper than the lowest point of the tarp (i.e., the lowest point of the tuck).	<input type="checkbox"/>
For untarped-broadcast applications, the injection points will be at least 18 inches from the nearest final soil/air interface.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For broadcast untarped applications, a disc or similar equipment will be used to uniformly mix the soil to at least a depth of 3 to 4 inches to eliminate the chisel or plow traces and will following elimination of the chisel trace, the soil surface will be compacted with a cultipacker, ring roller, and roller in combination with tillage equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For pre-formed bed applications, the soil will be sealed by disruption of the chisel trace using press sealers, bed shapers, cultipackers, or by re-shaping (e.g., relisting, lifting, replacing) the beds immediately following injection.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For beds formed at the time of application, the soil will be sealed by disrupting the chisel trace using press sealers, or bed shapers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For shanked bedded and broadcast applications, tarps will be installed immediately after fumigant is injected into the soil.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicators have been trained and instructed not to apply or allow fumigant to drain onto the soil surface.	<input type="checkbox"/>
For each injection line a check valve is located as close as possible to the final injection point, or applicators will drain/purge the line of any remaining fumigant prior to lifting injection shanks from the ground.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicators have been trained and instructed not to lift injection shanks from the soil until the shut-off valve has been closed and the fumigant has been depressurized (passively drained) or purged (actively forced out via air compressor) from the system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brass, carbon steel, or stainless steel fittings must be used throughout application rigs.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Polyethylene tubing, polypropylene tubing, Teflon® tubing or Teflon® -lined steel braided tubing have been used for all low pressure lines, drain lines, and compressed gas or air pressure lines and is all other tubing Teflon® -lined steel braided.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application equipment has been inspected to ensure that application rigs do not contain galvanized, PVC, nylon, or aluminum pipe fittings.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All rigs include a filter to remove any particulates from the fumigant, and a check valve to prevent backflow of the fumigant into the pressurizing cylinder or the compressed air system.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All rigs include a flow meter or a constant pressure system with orifice plates to insure the proper amount of fumigant is applied.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicators have been trained and instructed to ensure that positive pressure is maintained in the cylinder at not less than 200 psi during the entire time it is connected to the application rig, if a compressed gas cylinder is used. (This is not required for a compressed air system that is part of the application rig because if the compressor system fails the application rig will not be operable).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Application rigs are equipped with properly functioning check valves between the compressed gas cylinder or compressed air system and the fumigant cylinder.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicators have been trained and instructed to always pressurize the system with compressed gas or by use of a compressed air system before opening the fumigant cylinder valve.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Before using a fumigation rig for the first time, or when preparing it for use after storage, applicators have been trained and instructed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Check the filter, and clean or replace the filter element as required. ◦ Check all tubes and chisels to make sure they are free of debris and obstructions. ◦ Check and clean the orifice plates and screen checks, if installed. 	<input type="checkbox"/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressurize the system with compressed gas or compressed air, and check all fittings, valves, and connections for leaks using soap solution. 	
<p>Applicators have been trained and instructed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install the fumigant cylinder, and connect and secure all tubing. Slowly open the compressed gas or compressed air valve, and increase the pressure to the desired level. Slowly open the fumigant cylinder valve, always watching for leaks. When the application is complete, close the fumigant cylinder valve and blow residual fumigant out of the fumigant lines into the soil using compressed gas or compressed air. At the end of the application, disconnect all fumigant cylinders from the application rig. At the end of the season, seal all tubing openings with tape to prevent the entry of insects and dirt. Calibrate all application equipment and ensure that all control systems are working properly. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hot Gas Applications (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)	
Tarps have been installed prior to starting the application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All delivery tubes have been placed under the tarp in such a way that they do not move during the application of methyl bromide.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The fumigant will be introduced from outside of the greenhouse.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All fittings, connections, and valves have been checked for leaks prior to fumigation and if cylinders are replaced during the fumigation process, the connections and valves were checked for leaks prior to continuing the job.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tree Replant (non-shank) Application (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)	
For each individual tree-site, the tree stump and primary root system have been removed and the tree hole has been backfilled with soil before application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The fumigant will be injected at a depth of at least 18 inches into the soil.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The wand will be cleared using nitrogen or compressed air before removing it from the soil and after the wand is cleared and removed from the soil, the injection hole will be covered with soil and tamped or the soil will be compacted over the injection hole.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-Plant Greenhouse Soil Applications (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)	
Doors, vents, and windows to the outside are open and fans or other mechanical ventilation systems are running during the application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All leaks through which gases could enter adjacent enclosed areas are sealed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Protective Equipment for Handlers	
At least 1 air rescue device (e.g., SCBA) is on-site in case of an emergency.	<input type="checkbox"/>
All of the handler's PPE has been cleaned and maintained as required by the WPS for Agricultural Pesticides.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazard Communication	
The treated area has been posted in accordance with the label.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pesticide product labels and material safety data sheets are on-site and readily available for employees to review.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recordkeeping	
The owner/operator of the application block has been informed that he/she as well as the certified applicator must keep a signed copy of the site-specific FMPs and the post-application summary record for 2 years from the date of application.	<input type="checkbox"/>

I have verified that this site-specific FMP reflects current site conditions and product label directions before beginning the fumigation.

Signature of certified applicator supervising the fumigation

Date

Post-Application Summary
(Only Fill in Block if Information is Different from the FMP.)

General Application Information		
Application date and time:	Application rate:	Size of application block:
Weather Conditions		
Summary of the weather on the day of the application:		
Summary of the weather during the 48-hour period following the fumigant application:		
Soil Conditions (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)		
Soil temperature if air temperatures were above 100 degrees F in any of the 3 days prior to the application:		
Tarp Damage and Repair (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)		
Location and size of tarp damage:		
Description of tarp/tarp seal/tarp equipment failure:		
Date and time of tarp repair:		
Additional comments or other deviations from FMP (if applicable):		
Tarp Removal (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)		
Description of tarp removal (if different than in the FMP):		
Date tarps were cut:		Date tarps were removed:
Complaints (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)		
Person filing complaint: <input type="checkbox"/> On-site handler <input type="checkbox"/> Person off-site	If off-site person, name, address, and phone number of person filing complaints:	
Description of control measures or emergency procedures followed after complaint:		
Additional comments:		

Description of Incidents (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)		
Description of incident, equipment failure, or other emergency:		Date and time:
Description of emergency procedures followed:		
Additional comments:		
Elevated Air Concentration Levels (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)		
<input type="checkbox"/> On-site <input type="checkbox"/> Outside treatment area	Location of elevated air concentration levels:	Date and time:
Description of elevated air concentration levels: (provide air monitoring results on next page)		
Description of control measures or emergency procedures followed:		
Description of deviations from FMP (if applicable):		
Posting Signs – Treated Area		
Date of sign removal:		
Description of deviations from FMP (if applicable):		
Other		
Additional comments/notes:		

Air Monitoring Results

When Respiratory Protection is Not in Use – Sensory Irritation Experienced (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)							
Date and Time	Handler Task/Activity		Handler Location Where Irritation Was Observed		Resulting Action		Comments
					<input type="checkbox"/> Cease operations <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory protection		
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					<input type="checkbox"/> Cease operations <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory protection		
When Respiratory Protection is in Use – Direct Read Instrument Air Monitoring (check here if section is not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>)							
Sample Type	Sample Number	Sample Date/Time	Handler Task/Activity	Handler Location	Air Concentration	Sampling Method	Comments (e.g., sensory irritation experienced while wearing respirator)
<input type="checkbox"/> Breathing Zone							
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<input type="checkbox"/> Breathing Zone							
<input type="checkbox"/> Breathing Zone							
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<input type="checkbox"/> Breathing Zone							

I have verified that this post application summary reflects the actual site conditions during the fumigation and an accurate description of deviations from the FMP (if applicable).

Signature of certified applicator supervising the fumigation

Date